

APOTHEGMS.

(The following pithy sentiments are found scattered through the writings of Jefferson in passages not otherwise significant and therefore not included in the main body of the Writings.)

i.

Conscience is the only clue that will eternally guide a man clear of all doubts and inconsistencies.

2.

Under difficulties I have ever found one and only one rule, *to do what is right*, and generally we shall disentangle ourselves almost without perceiving how it happened.

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To contribute by neighborly intercourse and attention to make others happy is the shortest and surest way of being happy ourselves.

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I have ever deemed it more honorable and profitable, too, to set a good example than to follow a bad one.

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I never consider a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.

6.

Foreign relations are the province of the Federal Government; domestic regulations and institutions belong in every State to itself.

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Of all the duties imposed on the executive head of a gov-* ernment, appointment to office is the most difficult and most irksome.